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MEMORANDUM

TO: Import/Export Section, Animal Health Division
Interested Persons

FROM: Marty Zaluski, DVM
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DATE: May 27th, 2010

RE: Vesicular Stomatitis (VS)

Please note the following change to import requirements.

Effective immediately, the following statement is required for shipments of animals susceptible to Vesicular Stomatitis originating from Arizona. This requirement will apply to any additional VS-affected states.

"The animal(s) represented on this certificate have not originated from a premises or area under quarantine or under investigation for vesicular stomatitis (VS) and there has been no known exposure to vesicular stomatitis in the past 30 days. I have examined the animal(s) within the last 72 hours and found no signs of VS".

Those shipments traveling to a VS-affected state and returning to Montana must comply with the requirements for animals originating from a VS-affected state if they are in the VS-affected state for greater than 48 hours. Re-entry permits will not be issued for these animals and a new certificate of veterinary inspection must be completed at the VS-affected state of origin.

This requirement is for susceptible species: horses, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, and camelids.

Any exceptions to these requirements must have prior approval by the State Veterinarian or his designated staff veterinarian.